Hemostatic patch

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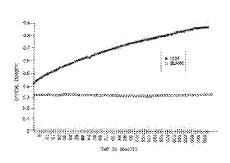
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A fibrogen-free substrate having as a hemostatic agent on a surface thereof a mixture of a clot-promoting amount of thrombin and an amount of epsilon aminocaproic acid (EACA) effective to accelerate the rate of blood clotting induced by the thrombin is useful as a hemostatic patch which is safe, inexpensive and which rapidly controls bleeding from a wound. A patch which rapidly stanches the flow of blood from a lesion on a parenchymal organ by pressing it against the surface of the organ for 3-5 minutes, is produced by applying thrombin, EACA and CaCl2 to a rigid sheet of biodegradable foam, such as an absorbable gelatin sponge, and compressing the dry sheet to produce a flexible sheet which conforms to the contour of the organ without the necessity of premoistening. The EACA raises the pH of the acidic fluid associated with the wound and thereby accelerates the activation of the thrombin.



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